

**Mothering and Reproduction Conference: Featuring an Embedded Conference on  
*Mothering, Science, and Technology***

October 18-20, 2012, Pantages Hotel Toronto Centre, 200 Victoria Street

\*Presenter

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012**

**8:00am-9:00am                      REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00am-10:30am                  SESSION A**

**A1: ROOM 1: “REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND HEALTH”**

**CHAIR** – Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University

- Alana Cattapan, York University, "Rhetoric and Reality in Public Policy on Assisted Human Reproduction in Canada"
- Rachel Fenton, Bristol Law School, "Assisted Reproduction Technology Provision and the Vulnerability Thesis: From the UK to the Global Market"
- Gayle Letherby & Elizabeth Stenhouse, Plymouth University, “Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndromes and Identity”
- Ganiva Reyes, University of Texas at Austin, ““If it Hadn’t Been For My Baby”:  
Mothering Teens in the Borderlands Speak Out About Their Emerging Identities as Mothers”

**A2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING, REPRODUCTION & “THE EXPERTS””**

**CHAIR** – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Arlene Vadum, Assumption College, “Advice on Reproduction and Motherhood: An Improvised Performance of a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Phrenology Lecture for Prospective Mothers”
- Regina Edmonds, Assumption College, “Ask the Expert, Ponder the Answer, Reflect on the Impact”
- Marga Vicedo, University of Toronto, “Scientists on The Nature of Mother Love: John Bowlby’s Theory of Attachment Behavior”
- Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University, “Curing the Children We Engender...and Their Parents: Genetic Shifts Require Legal Reconsiderations”

**10:30am-10:45am                  BREAK**

**10:45am-12:15pm                  SESSION B**

**B1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERING, REPRODUCTION & FICTION”**

**CHAIR** – Regina Edmonds, Assumption College

- Nancy Peled, Oranim Academic College, “Unexpected Mothers in Fannie Flagg’s Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café”

- Modhumita Roy, Tufts University, ““Give Me Children, or Else I Die”: Motherhood, Murder and Baby-Hunger in Sarah Dunant’s Crime Thriller Birth Marks”
- Mary Thompson, James Madison University, “Abortion, Addiction, and Maternal Cures: Irene Vilar’s Impossible Motherhood: Testimony of an Abortion Addict”
- Sarah Willie-LeBreton, Swarthmore College, "Motherhood as a Job: Fictional Metaphor?"

**B2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING CHALLENGES”**

**CHAIR** – Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University

- May Friedman, Ryerson University, “Reproducing Fat-Phobia: IVF, Adoption and the Obesity “Epidemic””
- Nazilla Khanlou\*, Deborah Davidson\*, Sheila Jennings\*, Mahdieh Dastjerdi & Alexis Buettgen, York University, “Immigrant Mothers of Children With Disabilities: Negotiating Services Across Sectors”
- Rachel Epstein\*, LGBTQ Parenting Network, Sherbourne Health Centre, Lesley A. Tarasoff\*, Lori E. Ross, Datejje Green & Scott Anderson, LGBTQ Health, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health, Stu Marvel, York University, and Leah S. Steele, St. Michael’s Hospital, “LGBTQ Families and the Need to Reframe Assisted Human Reproduction Services”
- Kerri S. Kearney\*, Oklahoma State University, Virginia Jennison Smith, Oklahoma Christian University & Toni Hail, Oklahoma State University, “Emerging Voices: Former Foster Youth at College”

**12:15pm-1:30pm**                      **LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30pm-3:00pm**                      **SESSION C**

**C1: ROOM 1: “BIRTH”**

**CHAIR** – Diana Gustafson, Memorial University

- Shawna DiFilippo, University of Toronto, “Examining Medical and Midwifery Perspectives in the Debate about the Safety of Midwife-Attended Home Birth in Ontario”
- Ruth DeSouza, AUT University, “When Being Empowered Feels Coercive: Migrant Mothers in New Zealand”
- Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University, “Birth Performances Changing Communities”
- Hallie Palladino, writer, “Motherhood’s Opening Chapter: The Importance of Mother Narrated Birth Stories”

**C2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERS AND THE ACADEME”**

**CHAIR** – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Andrea O'Reilly, York University, "I Should Have Married Another Man; I Couldn't Do What I Do Without Him; Intimate Heterosexual Relationships and their Impact on Mothers' Success in Academe"
- Nargis Ara, Government Girls Post Graduate Girls College Saidu Sharif Swat, "Mother's Education and Employment Effect Academic Achievements of 21st Century Chile"
- Anita Harker, Utah State University, "Beyond Wage Penalties: Mothers in Academe"

**3:00pm-3:15pm**                      **BREAK**

**3:15pm-5:15pm**                      **KEYNOTE PANEL 1 (ROOMS 1 & 2)**

**CHAIR** – Regina Edmonds, Assumption College

- Alyshia Galvez, Lehman College/City University of New York, "Love in a Time of Militarized Borders: Motherhood and Immigration"
- Emily Monosson, Independent Toxicologist, "Motherhood and Science: Envisioning a Different Kind of Pipeline?"
- Wendy Chavkin, Columbia University, "Globalized Motherhood: Second Generation Concerns"

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012**

**8:30am-9:30am**                      **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:30am-10:00am**                      **KEYNOTE PANEL 2 (ROOMS 1 & 2)**

**CHAIR** – Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University

- Karen Brody, BOLD, "Academics as Change Makers in Childbirth"

**10:00am-10:15am**                      **BREAK**

**10:15am-11:45pm**                      **SESSION D**

**D1: ROOM 1: "ADOPTION"**

**CHAIR** – Alana Cattapan, York University

- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan & Kearney, Kerri, Oklahoma State University, "Twice Shamed: Myths of the Other Mother in a Patriarchal Society"
- Penny Dowdoff, York University, "Reproductive Tourism: Where Health Care Consumerism and Personalization of Health Care Services Come Together"
- Kate Greenway, York University, "Ephemera: the Searchings of an Adopted Daughter"

**D2: ROOM 2: "INFERTILITY & ABORTION"**

**CHAIR** – Elena Neiterman, University of Toronto

- Sallie Han, SUNY College at Oneonta, “The Chemical Pregnancy: Technology and the Making of a New Reproductive Experience”
- Ann Diamond Weinstein, Preconception, Prenatal and Early Parenting Specialist, “The Experiences of Women Who Received Reproductive Endocrinology Treatment for Infertility”
- Gayle Letherby & Elizabeth Stenhouse, Plymouth University, “Fat and Infertile: Challenging Double Stigma”
- Rosemary Ricciardelli\*, York University & Jenna Kelland, University of Alberta, “Mothers of Multiples’ Perspectives on Selective Reduction and Medical Abortion: Negotiating Risk”

**11:45am-12:00pm**                      **BREAK**

**12:00pm-1:30pm**                      **SESSION E**

**E1: ROOM 1: “BECOMING A MOTHER”**

**CHAIR** – Diana Gustafson, Memorial University

- Keren Epstein-Gilboa, Family Development Specialist, “The Contribution of Experiences associated with Physiological Breastfeeding Patterns to Maternal Development”
- Laura Fullerton, Memorial University, “Mothering & the WHO/UNICEF Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative: An Exploration of Baby- & Mother-Friendly Infant Feeding Practices”
- Suzanne Madison, Olmsted Medical Center, “The Impact of Depression on Mothering: Under and Overutilization of Healthcare Services”
- Aviva Rubin, Blogger/Writer, “Thin Cervix, Lost Metal Implements and Telling the Tale”

**E2: ROOM 2: “PREGNANCY & BIRTH”**

**CHAIR** – Ruth DeSouza, AUT University

- Lynn Rollison, Vancouver Island University, “Shifting and Shaping Themes of Mothering”
- Hilary Monk, University of West England, “Marketing Mothering as ‘Crisis’: Institutions Saving us From the ‘Danger’ of Becoming Mothers”
- Elena Neiterman, University of Toronto, “Pregnant Bodies in Social Context: Natural, Disruptive and Unrecognized Pregnancy”
- Jen Rinaldi, York University, “How the Fetal Debut and the Public Health Paradigm Affect Pregnancy Practice”

**1:30pm-2:45pm**                      **LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

**2:45pm-4:15pm**                      **SESSION F**

## **F1: ROOM 1: “EMPOWERING & SUPPORTING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Linda Hunter, University of Guelph

- Deborah Davidson\*, York University, Gayle Letherby\*, Plymouth University & Melanie Bajko, York University, “Griefwork Online: Community Through Computer-Mediated Communication”
- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, “Supporting the Mothers: An Exploration of Maternal Health, Well-Being and Support Service Needs for HIV Positive Mothers”
- Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College, “Transitional Housing for Pregnant and Parenting U.S. Teens: The Young Parents’ Point of View”
- Diana Gustafson, Memorial University, “Using Social Media as a Data Source for Qualitative Research on Mothering: A Meta-Analysis of Studies on Mothers’ Opinions of Infant Vaccination”

## **F2: ROOM 2: “KATHY MANTAS WORKSHOP”**

**CHAIR** – Kathy Mantas, Nipissing University

- Kathy Mantas, Nipissing University, “In-Fertility (Phase III): On the Process of Becoming a Mother Through ART (Assisted Reproductive Technologies); Mothering, and ART-ing Myself/Ourselves” (\*\*Exhibit and workshop\*\*)

**4:15pm-6:30pm**

### **RECEPTION & BOOK LAUNCH:**

- Adoption and Mothering (Frances Latchford, ed.), Noble Orphan (Andrea Nicki), My Mother Did Not Tell Stories (Laurie Kruk) & Reproducing Women: Family and Health Across Three Generations (Marilyn Porter & Diana L. Gustafson—Fernwood Publishing)
- The Gustafson Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Conference Paper honouring Braunda L. Gustafson – mother, teacher, artist and community activist – will also be announced by long-time MIRCI/ARM supporter and motherhood scholar, Diana L. Gustafson

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

### **KEYNOTE PANEL 3 (ROOMS 1 & 2)**

**CHAIR** – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Susan Markens, Lehman College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, “From Gendered Altruism to Gendered Empowerment: Media Framings of Transnational Surrogacy in the 21st Century”
- Rickie Solinger, Independent Scholar, “Poisonous Choice”
- Rebecca Haimowitz, Co-Director of *Made in India* and Vaishali Sinha, Co-Director and Co-Producer of *Made in India*, “Made in India: Motherhood and Outsourcing Surrogacy”

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012**

**8:00am-9:00am                      REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00am-10:30am                    KEYNOTE PANEL 4 (ROOMS 1 & 2)**

**CHAIR** – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Amy Mullin, University of Toronto, Mississauga, "Children, Parents and Responsibility"
- Frances Latchford, York University, "Reckless Abandon: The Politics of Victimization and Agency in Birthmother Narratives"
- Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Trent University, "How to Get a Girl Pregnant: Desire and Politics in the Fertility Clinic"

**10:30am-10:45am                    BREAK**

**10:45am-12:15pm                    SESSION G**

**G1: ROOM 1: "BIRTH & PREGNANCY"**

**CHAIR** – Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University

- Lynn Rollison, Vancouver Island University, "The Impact of a Difficult Birth on Mothering"
- Patricia Miller-Shroeder, University of Regina, "Reclaiming Women's Control of Their Own Pregnancy and Child Birth Experiences"
- Christina Young, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "Caring in Community: The Doula Collective of Newfoundland and Labrador"
- Robin Silbergleid, Michigan State University, "The Donor Egg Essay"

**G2: ROOM 2: "MOTHERING & DISABILITY"**

**CHAIR** – Linda Hunter, University of Guelph

- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, "Young Mothers in Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Posters: Underrepresentation and Concerns"
- Patricia Clarke, Athabasca University/Girl Centered Haven, "Disabled Aboriginal Mothers in Canada"
- Patty Douglas, University of Toronto, "The 'Science' of Autism Mothering"
- Tania Jivraj, Ryerson University, "Medicalizing the Medicalizers"

**12:15pm-1:30pm                    LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30pm-3:00pm                    SESSION H**

**H1: ROOM 1: "EMPOWERING & SUPPORTING MOTHERS"**

**CHAIR** – Robin Silbergleid, Michigan State University

- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan, “Autoethnography and Ethics Approval: Maternal Advocacy and Empowerment”
- Melody Morton Ninomiya, Memorial University, “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: (De)Moralizing Medical Diagnoses for Mothers”
- Florence Pasche Guignard, University of Lausanne, “Relationship to Technology and to "the Experts" in the Discourses of French-Speaking Mothers on Online Forums Dedicated to "Natural Parenting"”
- Shannon McGrady, York University, “The Authentic Lived Experiences of Young Mothers: How Empowered Young Women Mother Within and Against the Institutions of Childhood, Gender & Motherhood”

## **H2: ROOM 2: “BIRTHFIRE WORKSHOP”**

**CHAIR** – This is an participatory event being facilitated by the organizers listed.

Please read the abstract so you know how to prepare to participate in this special event.

- Renée Mercuri, Reborn Doula Services & Annie Lacaille, Clinical Herbalist & Doula, “Birth Fire: Burning up What Didn't Work for us in Birth (And Celebrating What Did!)”

**3:00pm-3:15pm**

**BREAK**

**3:15pm-4:45pm**

**SESSION I**

## **I1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERING EXPERIENCES”**

**CHAIR** – Hilary Monk, University of West England

- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan, “Hearing Stories of Young, Successful and Professional Moms: What’s the Problem??”
- Malika Grasso, Indigenous Historian and Gender Researcher, “Motherhood and Reproduction by the Berber Kabyle of North Africa (Yesterday and Today)”
- Dilofarid Miskinzod, Arizona State University, “Access to Reproductive Health Services and Care-Seeking Behaviors Among the Left Behind Wives of Migrant Workers in Tajikistan”
- Julia Kiernan, Michigan State University, “The Rhetoric of Motherhood: How the Words We Use Define Us”